

This is for nearly every teacher I know.

This is for every teacher who has put in years of hard work in the classroom, volunteered to advise clubs, spent hours helping students outside the school day, continued their own education, and served as a member of countless school improvement committees. Those teachers will now be held to “higher” standards?

This is for every teacher who teaches the kids who are impoverished, mentally challenged, psychologically damaged, intellectually unprepared, hungry, neglected, abused, etc. Those teachers will now be held solely responsible?

This is for every teacher who owes thousands of dollars in student loans because he or she freely chose a career based on helping others rather than one based on financial rewards. Those teachers will now be even more likely to remain in debt?

This is for every teacher who has ever spoken up on behalf of students who deserve more than they are getting. Those teachers will now be unprotected?

This is for every teacher who has ever spoken up on his or her own behalf or on behalf of colleagues. They will now be unprotected and considered subversive and selfish?

This is for every teacher who believes the opportunity for a quality public school education is the right of every child in America. Those teachers will now watch as the once shining jewel of our society continues to lose funding, respect, and students to schools run for profit?

This is for every teacher who, in good faith, voted for a governor who promised to not declare war on teachers. Those teachers will now be unrepresented?

This is for every teacher who has never been interviewed by a newspaper, every teacher who has never been consulted or fully informed about policy changes at the school, district, state, or national level, and every teacher who does his or her job competently and quietly without complaint. Those teachers will continue to be unheard?

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